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"AN ACT CONCERNING A MINOR REVISION TO THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 9-608 of the
4 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

6 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter, in the event
7 of a surplus the campaign treasurer of a candidate committee or of a
8 political committee, other than a political committee formed for
9 ongoing political activities or an exploratory committee, shall
10 distribute or expend such surplus not later than ninety days after a
11 primary which results in the defeat of the candidate, an election or
12 referendum not held in November or by January thirty-first following
13 an election or referendum held in November, in the following manner:

14 (A) Such committees may distribute their surplus to a party
15 committee, or a political committee organized for ongoing political
16 activities, return such surplus to all contributors to the committee on a
17 prorated basis of contribution, distribute all or any part of such surplus
18 to the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 9-701 or distribute
19 such surplus to any charitable organization which is a tax-exempt
20 organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
21 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the
22 United States, as from time to time amended, provided (i) no candidate
23 committee may distribute such surplus to a committee which has been
24 established to finance future political campaigns of the candidate,
25 except that a qualified candidate committee, as defined in section 9-
26 700, may distribute to such committee an amount of such surplus that
27 is not more than one-half of the amount of qualifying contributions
28 that such candidate received pursuant to the provisions of section 9-
29 704, (ii) a candidate committee which received moneys from the
30 Citizens' Election Fund shall distribute such surplus to such fund, and
31 (iii) a candidate committee for a nonparticipating candidate, as
32 described in subsection (b) of section 9-703, may only distribute any
33 such surplus to the Citizens' Election Fund or to a charitable
34 organization;

35 (B) Each such political committee established by an organization
36 which received its funds from the organization's treasury shall return
37 its surplus to its sponsoring organization;

38 (C) (i) Each political committee formed solely to aid or promote the
39 success or defeat of any referendum question, which does not receive
40 contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall distribute
41 its surplus to a party committee, to a political committee organized for
42 ongoing political activities, to a national committee of a political party,
43 to all contributors to the committee on a prorated basis of contribution,
44 to state or municipal governments or agencies or to any organization
45 which is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the
46 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
47 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time

48 amended. (ii) Each political committee formed solely to aid or promote
49 the success or defeat of any referendum question, which receives
50 contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall distribute
51 its surplus to all contributors to the committee on a prorated basis of
52 contribution, to state or municipal governments or agencies, or to any
53 organization which is tax-exempt under said provisions of the Internal
54 Revenue Code. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a
55 committee formed for a single referendum shall not be required to
56 expend its surplus not later than ninety days after the referendum and
57 may continue in existence if a substantially similar referendum
58 question on the same issue will be submitted to the electorate within
59 six months after the first referendum. If two or more substantially
60 similar referenda on the same issue are submitted to the electorate,
61 each no more than six months apart, the committee shall expend such
62 surplus within ninety days following the date of the last such
63 referendum;

64 (D) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee of a
65 candidate who is elected to office may, upon the authorization of such
66 candidate, expend surplus campaign funds to pay for the cost of
67 clerical, secretarial or other office expenses necessarily incurred by
68 such candidate in preparation for taking office; except such surplus
69 shall not be distributed for the personal benefit of any individual or to
70 any organization; and

71 (E) The campaign treasurer of a candidate committee, or of a
72 political committee, other than a political committee formed for
73 ongoing political activities or an exploratory committee, shall, prior to
74 the dissolution of such committee, either (i) distribute any equipment
75 purchased, including, but not limited to, computer equipment, to any
76 recipient as set forth in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or (ii) sell
77 any equipment purchased, including but not limited to computer
78 equipment, to any person for fair market value and then distribute the
79 proceeds of such sale to any recipient as set forth in said subparagraph
80 (A)."